Prevention of multinationals from entering dairy industry

4046. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the private and Cooperative Sectors of dairy industry have decided to act jointly to pre-empt and frustrate the multi-national dairy grants move to capture Indian Dairy products market; and

(b) if so, the manner in which Government propose to help them by preventing the dairy multinationals to capture the dairy products markets in the wake of Ecomonic Liberalisaion and the recently concluded Uruguay Round of GATT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) With economic liberalisation the dairy industry has been delicenced. However with a view to maintain and increase the supply of liquid milk of the desired quality and for the orderly growth of the dairy industry, Government issued the Milk and Milk Product Order 1992 which provides for regulating the production, supply and distribution of milk and milk products.

Review of the performance Agricultural Co-operatives

4047. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of the Agricultural Co-operatives was reviewed at the meeting of the National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) in November, 1994;

(b) if so, the details of the acihevements made by the Agricultural Co-operatives in various spheres during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to make comprehensive amendments to the NCDC Act to expand its activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The General Council meeting of National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) was held on 16 November, 1994 where the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of NCDC for 1993-94 were adopted. The Annual Report gave a review of the activities of NCDC during the period under review.

(b) The assistance provided by NCDC to agricultural cooperative societies engaged in some key activities is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) A proposal to amend the NCDC Act, 1962 to expand its activities is under consideration of the Government. The proposal includes inclusion of livestock, poultry-feed, industrial goods and certain notified services in the scope of activities of NCDC.